

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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DUTY FREE IMPORT OF PEPPER AND CARDAMOM

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to allow duty free import of Pepper and Cardamom products against export; and
- (b) if so, the details of import of these commodities since 2000?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a)&(b)The Duty free import of pepper under the Advance Licensing Scheme has been stopped vide Public Notices No. 31/2004-2009, dated 14.12.2004 and 33/2004-2009, dated 17.12.2004. As regards Duty Free import of Cardamom against exports, the same is allowed under Advance Licensing Scheme as per Standard Input Output Norms as specified in Handbook of Procedures (Vol.II). The cif value of advance licences issued for imports of pepper and cardamom from 1.4.2000 onwards is Rs.160 crores (approx.) and Rs.6 crores (approx.) respectively.